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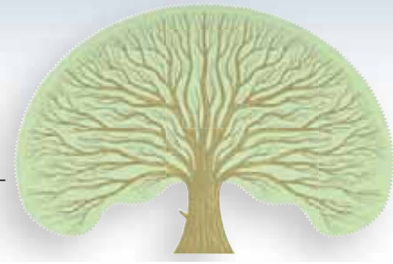

Newly elected Pope Francis waves to the waiting crowd from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica Wednesday in Vatican City. Argentinian Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected as the 266th pontiff and will lead the world's 1.2 billion Catholics. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

Bells usher in celebration of new Pope

Things that make you go hymn.
Vancouver Catholics embrace Francis, the first of his name

After beginning the noon-hour mass knowing there was a new pontiff but not his identity, Vancouver Catholics applauded on Wednesday as bells rang out at the Holy Rosary Cathedral announcing the election of Pope Francis of Argentina.

"I'm very happy," said Juvy Bonifacio, one of B.C.'s 700,000 Catholics, beaming after receiving communion from the Very Rev. Glenn Dion.

"I like it because the name is Francisco, and my favourite saint is St. Francis of Assisi because he loved the poor, so he's a people's priest."

Speaking outside during a brief respite from the rain, Vancouver Archbishop J. Michael Miller echoed Bonifacio's sentiments about the name, saying he expects Jorge Bergoglio to reinvigorate the church's focus on poverty.

"He was and has been very well known for being a very close advocate of the poor and himself living an exemplarily very simple life, and that's why he chose the name, obviously, Francis," said the theological scholar and papal expert.

"Of course, being pope it'll be different, but as a person they say he took the bus to work. He lived in a simple apartment with another priest."

The Vancouver archbishop said he met the former cardinal once in 2005 when they were staying at the same residence in Rome. He described Bergoglio as unassuming and "just a very nice gentleman."

Vancouver Island resident Walter King, another of the faithful who was at Wednesday's mass, said he thinks the election of a South American Pope will help broaden the church's appeal.

"He's got a lot of challenges on his agenda. A tremendous amount, I think," he said.

"Catholics around the world will pray for him that he does the right thing."

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Family drama.
Robertson says this situation has been 'tough' for everyone

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson reached out to his foster son the night before the young man's sentencing for drug and weapons convictions.

"I spoke with him last night to wish him all the best," Robertson said Wednesday of his conversation with Jinagh Navas-Rivas, who pleaded guilty in December to cocaine trafficking and a firearms offence that carries a three-year mandatory minimum sentence.

"He's taken responsibility for his actions and he's going to be held accountable for that," Robertson said to reporters at a news conference for the city's homeless count.

"It's a tough, tough piece for him personally and for the families that have been a part of his life," he said, adding Navas-Rivas has been on his own for a number of years.

"He has a lot of support and lots of friends and family looking out for him, but it's been a very difficult time for everyone, I think, because of his situation."

Navas-Rivas was charged along with four others for an alleged dial-a-dope operation.

Navas-Rivas lived with the mayor for two years until 2009 and joined the mayor onstage when he was re-elected in 2011.

Amy Robertson, the mayor's wife, accompanied her foster son to court on Wednesday while the mayor attended a city council meeting.

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Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson's foster son Jingah Navas-Rivas is seen with Robertson's wife, Amy, before entering the Richmond courthouse on Wednesday.
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Mayor's foster son gets 4-year jail term

Strong 'support network.' Jinagh Navas-Rivas sentenced for gun and drug offences as Roberston family members look on

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Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson's foster son, a young man described as a "wannabe gangster," was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison for gun and drug trafficking.

Richmond provincial court Judge Patrick Chen called the sentence fair for Jinagh Navas-Rivas, who pleaded guilty to trafficking cocaine and an illegal handgun last December.

The judge said that the young man was not the key player in the drug and gun deals but that he appeared to be on a path to a criminal lifestyle.

Chen warned Navas-Rivas that he will encounter "more negative peers" in prison but credited him for taking the initial first steps toward his rehabilitation.

"Few people are blessed by having such a support network," the judge said before the man was handcuffed and led into custody.

Navas-Rivas apologized to the court for his crimes.

"There was no excuse for what I've done and now it's time to take responsibility," he said, his voice becoming choked with emotion.

"I want to become a better person," he said.

During the sentencing hearing, Navas-Rivas's lawyer, Emmet Duncan, told the court that his client was a "wannabe gangster," who was a cocaine addict at the time of the offences, and that his girlfriend was pregnant (she later had a miscarriage).

"His addiction and his lifestyle drove much of his behaviour," Duncan said.

He added that his client has had a change of attitude since his release on bail and is firmly on his way to rehabilitation.

Crown lawyer Ernie Froess told the court that the sale of guns was an exceptionally serious offence that carries a mandatory minimum sentence of three years.

"The Lower Mainland has been plagued by gun violence and an ongoing drug war," Froess said during a sentencing hearing.

The court heard that Navas-Rivas told an undercover police officer posing as a drug and gun buyer that he was a "broker" who could provide a range of drugs and guns, including an AK-47 assault rifle.

While Robertson wasn't present for the sentencing, his wife Amy and the couple's daughter attended the hearing.

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Rioters breaking probation: VPD

Further charges.
Roughly a quarter of convicted Stanley Cup rioters have committed breaches of court orders, police say

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Police monitoring Stanley Cup rioters serving community sentences say a "disturbing" number are disobeying court orders.

Vancouver Police began monitoring 42 convicted rioters, and found that 11 — about a quarter — had committed breaches of court orders. Further charges have now been approved against them.

"We strongly suspect that if we had the resources to look more closely at this problem that the numbers would be even higher," VPD Supt. Dean Robinson said. "We have not made these extraordinary efforts just to see some rioters flout the law another time with their disrespect for the courts."

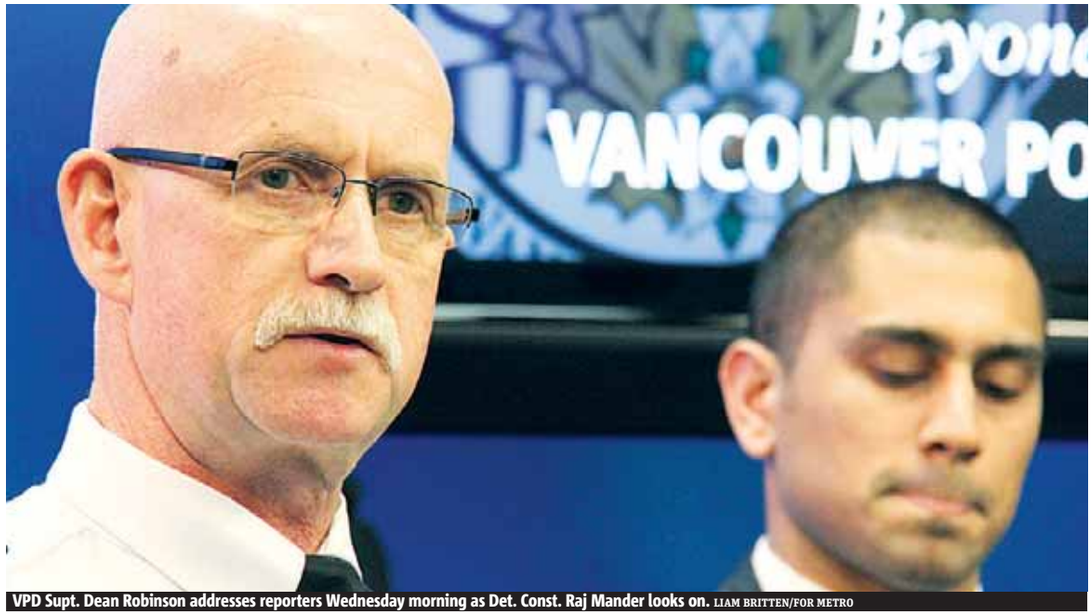
However, compared to a report by auditor general John Doyle, 25 per cent would suggest stellar compliance.

His report, Effectiveness of BC Community Corrections, released Dec. 2011, found that in a sample of 58 non-riot offenders sentenced to community sentences, 44 of them — 76 per cent — breached their conditions.

The study had an admittedly small sample size, considering the 15,000 clients in the community corrections system, and a government spokesperson said most of those violations were not indictable.

Despite this, SFU criminology professor Robert Gordon thinks frequent breaches by those serving sentences in the community are probable.

"The province of B.C. rightly tries to use probation orders more than it uses sentences of imprisonment," he said. "It's actually more effective, providing the resources are in place to support the probation order.... This is not rocket science."



VPD Supt. Dean Robinson addresses reporters Wednesday morning as Det. Const. Raj Mander looks on. LIAM BRITTEN/FOR METRO

The auditor general's report noted each B.C. probation officer is responsible for 63.9 offenders on average, the country's second-highest case load.

Waldorf and Rickshaw team up to revamp city's last porn theatre

Vancouver's last porn theatre will need a thorough scrub down before it can be used as a live theatre, comedy, DJ and entertainment venue.

But that's exactly what the entrepreneurs behind Waldorf Productions and the Rickshaw Theatre plan to do.

The two have paired up to open a live entertainment venue at the Fox Cinema at Main Street and 7th Ave.

When the theatre, open since 1983, came up for lease a few months ago, both the Waldorf and the Rickshaw tried to secure the building since it's easier to get live music licences in a location that already has one.

"We decided we would just combine our strengths and do it," said David Duprey, owner of the Rickshaw and the Rumpus Room. It was natural partnership with Thomas Anselmi and Ernesto Gomez of the beloved Waldorf Hotel, which shuttered in January after condo developer Solterra bought the property.

The type of entertainment is contingent on the liquor licences the city eventually approves for the venue, tentatively named the Fox Cabaret, he said. (The Rickshaw, for example, allows drinking and music, but not dancing.)

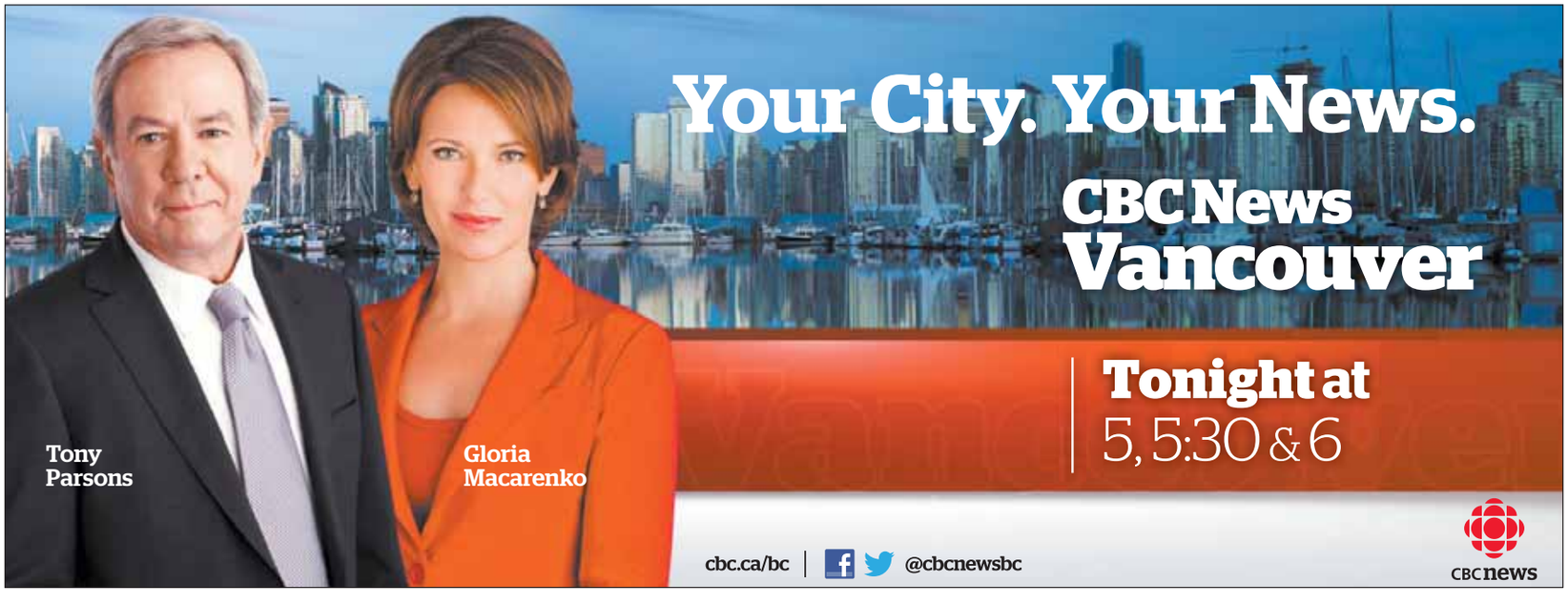
The city committed to helping the arts community and has been very supportive of the Waldorf after a public outcry at its closure.

"I don't think anything could ever replace the Waldorf… but I think it's going to be something Vancouver needs, a live venue, an alternative venue," Duprey said.

And one thing is certain — the Fox needs a clean up when they take over the lease in August.

"Let's just say it hasn't been cleaned in a long time," Duprey said. There's no way he's keeping the chairs in the theatre.

"There are stains on those chairs, under those chairs, that I don't even want to talk about. There's no way I'm going to take those to get reupholstered." EMILY JACKSON/METRO



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PST. No exemption for film industry: Minister

While B.C.'s film and TV industry lost 3,500 jobs from 2011 to 2012, expenditures increased by 2.3 per cent to $1.216 billion, according to numbers released Wednesday.

B.C. Cultural Development Minister Bill Bennett said he met with about 25 industry leaders Tuesday who want a PST exemption to help them compete with Ontario and Quebec's more competitive tax-credit schemes.

"I think government will have to look at it — we just can't afford to do it right now," Bennett said.

While spending last year was steady overall, it declined dramatically during the last quarter, according to the annual report.

"Over the next two, three, four months, I'm going to have to be in constant contact with the leaders in the industry to determine whether things are going south or whether, in fact, things are going OK," Bennett said.

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Farmers' markets

City freshens up bylaw

In an effort to make farmers' markets more economically viable in the colder months, city council updated the farmers' market bylaw to let vendors sell more artisan crafts and local ready-to-eat foods than previously allowed.

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Missing passengers

Crown offers look-alike theory

Crown prosecutors have offered a theory to explain sightings of two passengers, Gerald Foisy and Shirley Rosette, who disappeared after a ferry sank off the B.C. coast, pointing to other passengers who look similar to one of the missing.

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Goal to end homelessness by 2015 'very realistic'

Off the streets. City looks to provide permanent housing, not just shelters

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Where dozens once slept in West End doorways, only a handful remained Wednesday as volunteers swept the city for Vancouver's annual homeless count.

It's still too early to tell whether there are fewer people living on Vancouver's streets compared to last year's count, but the city's longtime homeless-outreach co-ordinator Judy Graves was happy with the difference she's seen in the past five years.

"We only found five people, which was wonderful," Graves said at a news conference after counting people sleeping outside in the Davie Village with Mayor Gregor Robertson in the early morning hours.

The annual count aims to put hard numbers on homelessness as Vancouver strives to end street homelessness by 2015 — a goal Graves called "very realistic."

"It isn't rocket science. We're not looking for a way to cure cancer; we're looking for the housing we need to move everybody inside," Graves said. "I've been peeling people off the street and moving them into housing for 20 years. I know how easy it is. It's a matter of having the housing to get people into."

While the number of people without homes has stabilized over the past few years, Vancouver is still home to 1,602 people without housing. Of these, 306 live on the streets, according to the 2012 homeless count.

"We need to start driving that number down and making sure people are inside in homes — not just in shelters but in permanent housing," Robertson said.

Mayor Gregor Robertson and homeless-outreach co-ordinator Judy Graves conduct the morning homeless count on Wednesday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Despite complaints from a few Yaletown residents, the provincially funded HEAT shelters have been instrumental in getting people off the streets, he added.

B.C. Housing has invested millions in buying and renovating single-room housing in the Downtown Eastside. The province promised $3.7 million to keep three HEAT shelters open until May 2014.

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Surrey. More corpses at site raise fear of growing trend

The body count in British Columbia's fastest-growing city is on the rise again, after Surrey police discovered two more bodies along a secluded rural road known for harbouring shady criminal activity.

Surrey has had eight murders since the beginning of 2013 — more than double the rate of Vancouver.

Four of those bodies have turned up at the same site on Colebrook Road in the past six weeks, which has Mayor Dianne Watts "very concerned."

The RCMP has increased its presence in past weeks to prevent the area from becoming a hot spot for disposal, Watts says, which is perhaps why cops were so quick to find the latest bodies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wednesday's find

The latest victims, a male and female, were discovered by an officer on "proactive" patrol around 2 a.m. Wednesday, according to a release from the RCMP.

Tsunami of 2011

Japan gives $1M thank you

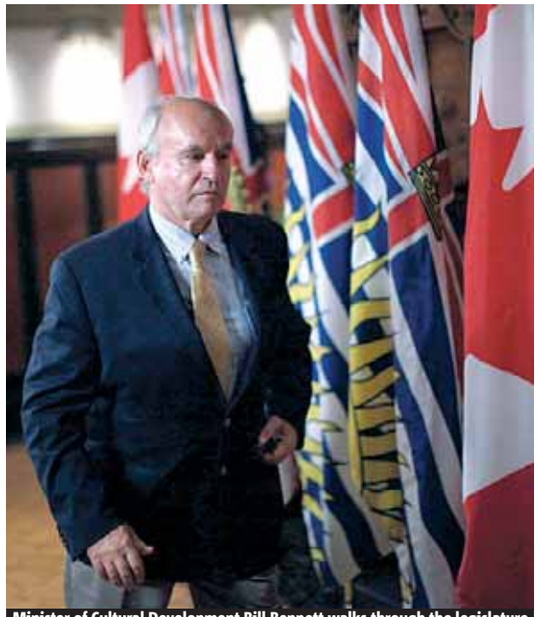
The government of Japan is giving Canada $1 million to clean up debris that has landed on the B.C.'s coast from the 2011 tsunami. The Japanese Consul General says the money is a gesture of goodwill for a nation that was among the first to offer help. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Provincial legislature

Financial records getting cleaned up

B.C.'s auditor general says the mess in the legislature's financial accounts is slowly being fixed, but there's a long way to go. An audit last July found the records were so disorganized that he couldn't determine if bills were being paid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cabinet minister apologizes for name-calling on Twitter



Minister of Cultural Development Bill Bennett walks through the legislature in September 2012. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

#turdgate. Cultural development minister says sorry to 'ndp turds'

After some initial resistance, Liberal cabinet member Bill Bennett offered an apology Wednesday to the NDP for sending a tweet describing them as "turds" Tuesday night.

When first asked about the incident, dubbed #turdgate on Twitter, the cultural development minister was unrepentant, saying it was "much ado about nothing."

"It was said in jest; it was said tongue-in-cheek," he insisted. "I don't know, has everybody lost their sense of humour or what?"

But after it was raised again in Victoria, a more subdued Bennett eventually offered an apology.

"I respect you individually and I am sorry about the choice of words last night because I really don't feel that way about you," he said during an afternoon session in the legislature. "Let's have a good question period."

Reached by phone before the apology was made, Bennett's NDP opposition critic Spencer Chandra Herbert called the tweet "ridiculous."

"How do you get away with that as a minister of the Crown when we're trying to provide good role models to people?" Chandra Herbart said. "But that's Bill Bennett."

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Tweet in question

"I am with the BCL Caucus tonight. Strange everyone seems to be getting along. Ok. Come on ndp turds. Bring it."

Liberal cabinet member Bill Bennett in a tweet Tuesday night.

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Hail the humble Pope

'Good evening.' After one of the fastest conclaves in years, an ecstatic world greets the new man in the Vatican

The euphoria: Cheers ring out from the crowd in St. Peter's Square in Rome as white smoke is sighted rising from the Sistine Chapel's chimney. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Habemus Papam — We have a pope!

A cacophony of welcome swept the world on Wednesday after Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected Pope in a conclave that ended with astonishing speed.

"Brothers and sisters, good evening," the new Pope Francis — looking stunned — said shyly from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica to wild cheers.

"You know that the work of the conclave is to give a bishop to Rome," he went on.

"It seems as if my brother cardinals went to find him from the end of the Earth, but here we are. Thank you for the welcome."

Bergoglio, 76, becomes the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a millennium.

And by choosing the name Francis, he associates himself with the humble 13th-century Italian preacher who lived a life of poverty.

Across the planet, Latin Americans burst into tears and jubilation at the news that the region, which counts 40 per cent of the world's Catholics, finally had a pope to call its own.

"It's a huge gift for all of Latin America. We waited 20 centuries. It was worth the wait," said Jose Antonio Cruz, a Franciscan friar in the Old San Juan district in Puerto Rico.

Elected on the fifth ballot, Francis was chosen in one of the fastest conclaves in years.

Tens of thousands of people who braved cold rain to watch the smokestack atop the Sistine Chapel jumped in joy when white smoke poured out, many shouting "Habemus Papam!" or "We have a pope!"

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A cleric who cares. New Pope often rode the bus and helped the destitute

As a cardinal, Jorge Mario Bergoglio — the new Pope — rode the bus and visited the poor.

He was known all over Argentina for caring for the destitute.

Bergoglio was born in December 1936 in Buenos Aires, one of five children of an Italian railway worker.

He had a lung removed when he was a teenager due to an infection.

He studied chemistry and then philosophy at university before teaching literature and psychology in Argentina.

He joined the Jesuit order in 1958 before being ordained a priest in 1969.

From 1973 to 1979 he served as the Jesuit provincial in Argentina, then in 1980 became the rector of the seminary where he studied.

He served there until 1986, after which he completed his doctorate in Germany and returned to Argentina.

He was appointed Buenos Aires city archbishop in February 1998 and made cardinal by John Paul II in February 2001.

Bergoglio created new parishes, restructured administrative offices and began new pastoral projects, helping to recover the church's traditional political influence in society.

He has also been critical of Argentina's decision to legalize gay marriage in 2010.

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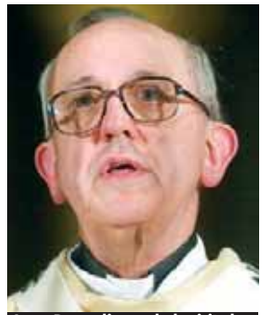

Jorge Bergoglio regularly visited the slums of Argentina's capital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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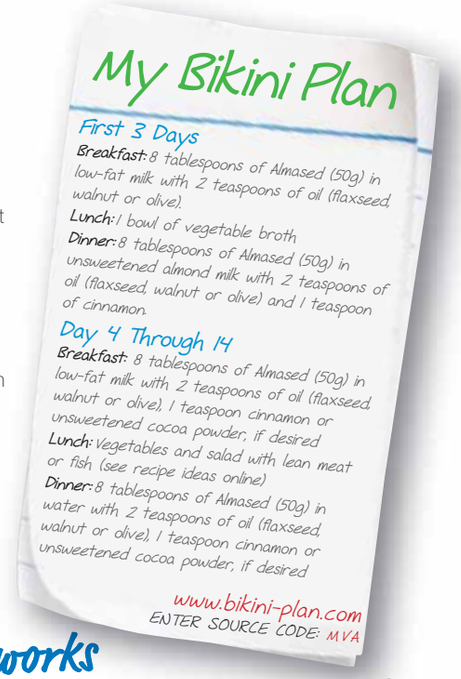
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Garneau drops out, supports Trudeau

Federal Liberal leadership. 'I cannot mathematically win,' former contender says

Marc Garneau dropped out of the federal Liberal leadership race on Wednesday and threw his support to front-runner Justin Trudeau, declaring the outcome "a fait accompli."

The Montreal MP's decision followed an internal poll conducted by his campaign last week, which Garneau said showed Trudeau has the backing of 72 per cent of Liberal members and supporters.

Garneau said he was a "solid second" with 15 per cent, followed by Vancouver MP Joyce Murray with just over seven per cent and former Toronto MP Martha Hall Findlay with just over five per cent.

"I have done my numbers. I cannot mathematically — and I'm a person who believes in math — I cannot mathematically win," Garneau told a news conference.

MP Marc Garneau THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I'm not into denial. The numbers indicate very clearly that Justin is the overwhelming favourite."

However, Murray said she puts no stock in Garneau's survey, the methodology of which her camp finds highly suspect. She said it won't influence her decision to continue her campaign, which has enjoyed a late burst of momentum.

Garneau's automated phone poll asked 6,000 Liberal supporters and members to indicate whether they favoured Garneau, Trudeau, Hall Findlay or Murray.

It was not a survey of registered voters.

Murray said she was surprised by Garneau's decision to endorse Trudeau, given that he has repeatedly said a coronation is not in the party's best interests and has accused the front-runner of lacking policy depth, experience and leadership credentials.

Worried that some 100,000 people who didn't provide email addresses — the bulk of whom are Trudeau supporters — will be disenfranchised, the front-runner is seeking a one-week extension of Thursday's registration deadline. The Murray, Hall Findlay and Martin Cauchon camps oppose an extension. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taking time to smell the goats

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, stop to pet a goat, the mascot of the Governor General's Foot Guards, while waiting for the arrival of French PM Jean-Marc Ayrault on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. The Harper government will use the visit to burnish its tarnished reputation in Europe. France and Canada will sign a joint declaration Thursday on an initiative to create biofuels from seaweed. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Keystone XL

Pipeline in U.S.'s interest: Prentice

Former Conservative cabinet minister Jim Prentice says the Keystone XL pipeline is in the U.S. national interest and that President Barack Obama should let it be built.

The speech by Prentice stresses the importance of the Canada-U.S. relationship and argues the two countries must work together to achieve energy independence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montana

Death penalty survives repeal bid

A proposal to abolish Montana's death penalty has failed again, a blow for Canadian Ronald Smith, a convicted murderer who has been on death row in the state for 30 years.

A bill to repeal capital punishment didn't get past a judiciary committee which, for the fourth time in eight years, voted to table the bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Oh, Canada

Being related to Rachel McAdams, Ryan Reynolds or Seth Rogan? Totally cool. Pamela Anderson? Not so much.

The Canadian connection

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Researchers at Ancestry.ca have discovered that Canadian prince and gangster-in-training Justin Bieber is related to Ryan Gosling, Celine Dion and Avril Lavigne.

Bieber and Dion are 10th cousins. Gosling is Bieber's 11th cousin once removed (what does "removed" even mean? I have a couple family members I wouldn't mind having "removed"). Bieber and Lavigne are 12th cousins.

Let's put this in perspective. Considering its size, Canada is sparsely populated. And I'm going to take a guess that a large portion of that population can be found squished into southern Ontario and Alberta. We're probably all 12th cousins. Heck, you might have a better chance of a Canadian celebrity cousin than rolling up a winning rim on a coffee cup.

So who's your celebrity kinfolk? Don't you want to know? Maybe you can't put down your iPhone because Alexander Graham Bell is your eighth great grand something? Or you love burnt toast because Dr. Wilder Penfield's blood flows through your veins. Clearly, I have watched way too many Canadian Heritage commercials.

When you grow up in a trailer park like I did, you tend to stay away from researching your family tree for fear that the stereotypes might be true and you're missing a few important branches. But now I'm dying to find out.

What rich and famous cousins could I be mooching off like only family can?

I could spend my days lounging in cousin Shania's infinity pool. Then crash at cousin Keanu's guesthouse at night. Maybe cousin Seth Rogen could come over and we'll work on a movie script! And when my meddling 13th cousin Rachel McAdams starts asking when I'm going to get a "real" job, I'll storm off in a huff into the loving arms of my kissing cousin Ryan Reynolds. I'll cry into his hard-bulging chest and he'll comfort me with soothing whispers in my ear, while my cousin-in-law Blake Lively seethes with jealousy.

Who am I kidding? Knowing my luck, I'll be related to Pamela Anderson and have to lend her money to help pay her taxes.

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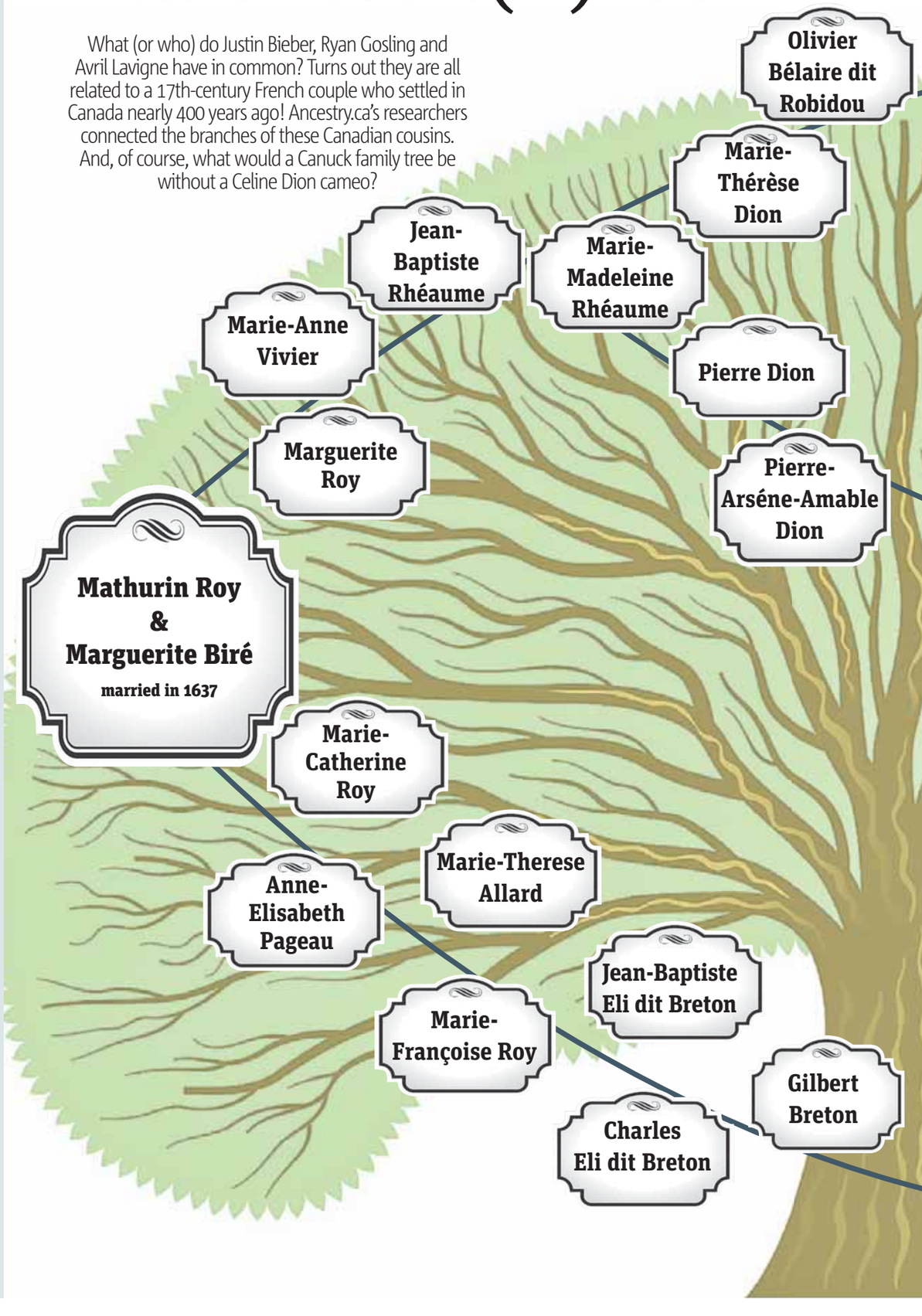
A talented t(h)ree

What (or who) do Justin Bieber, Ryan Gosling and Avril Lavigne have in common? Turns out they are all related to a 17th-century French couple who settled in Canada nearly 400 years ago! Ancestry.ca's researchers connected the branches of these Canadian cousins. And, of course, what would a Canuck family tree be without a Celine Dion cameo?



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Joseph-François-Amédée Breton

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The sexy cousin

Ryan Gosling

An 11th cousin once removed from Justin is none other then heart throb Ryan Gosling. The Oscar nominee and the Juno winner are related through Mahurin Roy and Marguerite Biré, who immigrated from France to Quebec in the mid-1600s.

The wild cousin

Avril Lavigne

Both Canadian singers, who started their road to stardom when they were teens, share a common family ancestor that goes back 400 years to some of Quebec's earliest settlers. According to Ancestry.ca researchers, Lavigne and the Biebs are 12th cousins.

Family sing-a-long anyone?

Celine Dion

If JB needs some family mentorship, he need look no further than the illustrious Celine Marie Claudette Dion. They are 10th cousins three times removed through Jacques Vezina and Marie Boisdon, who both immigrated to Quebec from France in the mid-1600s.

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Twitter

Metro asked you to share interesting branches you have in your family tree. Here's what you tweeted:

@thepolishviking

#metrofamous A Danish ancestor of mine in the 12th century claimed he was a wizard on a census form...

@thelordjames

My ancestors were baptized by (and I believe related to) Menno Simons. The founder of the Mennonites #metrofamous

@BenBrown21

#metrofamous my great uncle is Sir Cedric Hardwicke #10comandments

@ILike42

Henry Ford (the car guy) great-grandfather's first cousin. #metrofamous

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my Gt Grandfather, Goldie Prodger played for the St Pats & scored the winning goal the 1st yr the Habs won the Stanley Cup

@GiovannaNicolai

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My partner's cousin is Noah Reid, star of 'Score: A Hockey Musical' and original voice of Franklin the Turtle

Tomorrow

You think this tree goes way back? How about 100,000 years back? Tomorrow we look at how microscopic mtDNA can tell you even more about how you got here.

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A move by Ottawa to help Air Canada deal with a $4.2-billion deficit in its pension plan gives the airline some breathing room as it works to launch a new discount service. But the rules imposed on Air Canada in exchange may turn off other firms looking for the same help with their pension plans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘Tablet for women’ draws critics’ ire

Pink, perky, pandering. Pre-loaded apps cover yoga, perfume, cooking and grocery shopping

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The ePad Femme is being marketed as the “first tablet for women.”
FACEBOOK/EUROSTAR GROUP

The world’s “first tablet for women,” complete with a pink background and weight-loss apps, is being condemned as sexist.

Eurostar Group, the Middle East-based creator of the device, says the ePad Femme is designed for a woman’s “diverse lifestyle.”

Based on the pre-loaded selection of apps, that lifestyle includes shopping for groceries, cooking and doing yoga.

Speaking with the Jerusalem Post, Eurostar spokesperson Mani Nair said the Android-powered device “makes a perfect gadget for a woman who might find difficulties in terms of downloading these applications.” Nair insisted nothing about the tablet was sexist, and compared it to similar products geared towards gamers.

However, others disagree. “There have always been special books for women concerning sex, how to please your husband, and what to cook for him,” Eman Al Nafjan, a Saudi feminist blogger, told the Post. “This is just using technology for the same thing.”

In Saudi Arabia, women are often highly educated, but not allowed to drive or travel without a male escort. As a result, Al Nafjan says they spend a lot of time online and are fully capable of downloading their own apps.

“Whoever made this tablet doesn’t understand us very well,” she said. “We are home all the time and we are extremely tech-savvy.”

Eurostar has sold about 7,000 units of the tablet since its October launch.

Quoted

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Eman Al Nafjan, a Saudi feminist blogger, speaking to the Jerusalem Post.

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CURLY FRIES STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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After a nonstop string of feel-good stories and glowing press, Facebook — the little company that could — has finally been hit with some criticism.

The heretofore infallible website stumbled into the media spotlight for the first time this week when it was revealed that its users might have reason for some — wait for it — privacy concerns. It turns out that hitting "like" on certain Facebook groups or events can reveal more about you to advertisers than might be apparent.

Strike 1, am I right?

A University of Cambridge study (like it on Facebook!) showed that running somebody's Facebook likes through a computer program could give you a decent indicator of that user's gender, race, religion and sexual orientation, not to mention their favourite colour, tooth health, Super Mario high score, social-security number and how good they are in bed (within five per cent).

You might be tempted to call it a modern-day horoscope, but it's just the opposite, because it works.

For instance, it was shown that you could predict a high-IQ in a user if they liked thunderstorms, The Colbert Report, science and curly fries. Facebook users who liked the group Eating Curly Fries While Watching Thunderstorm Science on The Colbert Report were mostly employees at the CERN particle accelerator in Geneva.

(It should be noted, though, that the spuds-smarts relationship might just be a coincidence, highlighting the classic logical fallacy of mistaking curly fries for causation.)

The researchers said that most of the computer's predictions were made through indirect connections — it wasn't guessing people were homosexual and Muslim because they liked Homosexuality is Halal (real group!). Instead it was, for instance, successfully predicting homosexuality from choices such as liking the TV show Glee.

I'd argue the bigger privacy concern for somebody who "likes" Glee is the fact it reveals you like Glee, but what do I know?

Other than the twist of the curly fries (ha!) this all seems straightforward to me. Many media outlets played up the report as if it was a shocker, but if you haven't figured out by now that Facebook is going to peruse, parse and package your information any way that it sees fit, then there's a Brooklyn Bridge auction on eBay we should discuss.

I'm no fan of Facebook. It's clear from their many previous transgressions that Facebook (like Google) thinks privacy is passé, maybe even dishonest. The site's new graph search that allows you to search for, say, "friends of friends who live in California and like Katy Perry and Nine Inch Nails" (23 results!) is so fascinating/icky that it feels like a new type of pornography.

But it shouldn't be a surprise anymore.

People will always have the right to raise privacy concerns, and the right to disconnect from Facebook, but if you're surprised by their disregard for your privacy after almost a decade then there's only one solution: Eat more curly fries. All will become clear in time.

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Tornado is illusion under acidic water

It looks like a giant tornado is causing mayhem in the sky, but this image is simply the reflection of a river running through a mine.

To create this stunning moment, photographer Tomás Bogónez has rotated the picture to appear like a huge fiery cyclone. The image was taken in Río Tinto river in Huelva, southwest Spain. METRO

Upside-down view

"The texture of the river was mind-blowing, the bright colours and the reflection of the river were amazing to see."

Tomás Bogónez

Colours are metals and minerals

The area around Río Tinto has been mined for more than 5,000 years. After centuries of exploiting the site, the waterway has become very dense, acidic and low in oxygen.

NASA scientists have even studied the ecosystem because of its similarities to Mars. The river's vibrant hues of red, ochre and violet are caused by the dissolved metals and minerals. METRO

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Twitter's perpetual parade of parody accounts never fails to keep us mildly amused. Check out this trio of lowlights from yesterday's conclave to see if they stuck the landing after the new Pope was announced.

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The superstar bird started with promise, appointing himself pontiff to set the stage for decrees on how a bird would run things at the Vatican. Sadly, it was followed by food jokes.

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Hashtag-bombing location updates filled the gaps between thoughts on NFL free agency and pleas to celebrities for TV drama guest roles.

Letters

Fair trade Easter

Consumers often contribute to the better well-being of other people in the world. This was true with fair-trade coffee and is becoming more and more true with other fair-trade goods, such as chocolate.

The purchase of fair-trade-certified products has important consequences.

It allows many producers to receive reasonable prices for their products and numerous workers and producers to climb out of poverty. It also has positive impacts on the environment.

About 200,000 slave children work on farms and cocoa plantations, some against their will, in the Ivory Coast, which is the world's leading producer, supplying 35 per cent of its cocoa. The working conditions can be extremely dangerous, and living conditions can be very poor.

We should all work towards a world where solidarity is at the heart of economic development. A fair-trade Easter would be an immense step in this direction.

Bruno Marquis, Gatineau, Que.

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People take part in the 2012 St. Patrick's Day parade in Downtown Vancouver. KYLA JONAS/METRO FILE

Time to let out the big green Irish machine

St Patty's Day. Go green or go home

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Music, dance, comedy and more! That's the promise of the 2013 instalment of CelticFest, which is already well underway in and around our somewhat soggy coastal shire.

And there's still plenty to do leading up to Sunday's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Head down to Vogue Theatre tonight for a concert by Cape Breton's Mary Jane Lamond and Wendy MacIsaac. Also, Scotland's Maeve MacKinnon performs traditional, contemporary and original material in Gaelic and English. That starts at 8 p.m. Tix $35 at the door.

Just down the street at Doolin's Irish Pub, the New Fish quartet play Irish and East Coast music with some good ol' rock 'n' roll mixed in. Starts at 9:30 p.m.

Tomorrow night, check out St. Pat's Rocks with the Town Pants at Venue nightclub on Granville Street. This rollicking affair gets going at 8 p.m. and, as advance publicity boldly commands: "Put on your dancing pants and get ready for a night of all-out fun!"

Do you like Gaelic Trivia? If so, temporarily remove your dancing pants and hit up the Irish Gaelic Trivia Quiz on Saturday. Of course, you don't have to speak Gaelic to attend. At the Tom Lee Music Hall. Starts at 1 p.m. – five bucks at the door.

Now replace dancing pants and hit up CelticFest Ceilidh: Tim Readman welcomes two of Celtic music's fastest-rising starts, Qristina & Quinn Bachand; fierce fiddler, singer and step-dancer Mairi Rankin, accordion-master/vocalist Allan Dionne; and Oliver Swain's Big Machine. At Vancouver FanClub. Starts at 8 p.m. Tix $30 at the door.

If you've got kids, bring them down to the Mahony & Sons Celtic Village, which features tons of free events and activities for all ages. It goes down Saturday and Sunday on Granville Street between Robson and Nelson.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade kicks off at 1 p.m. on Sunday. It starts at Howe and Davie, runs north on Howe then east on Georgia, ending at Granville Street.

And don't forget to wear green (dancing pants).

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Paul McCartney is seen in a rare photo by Henry Grossman. HANDOUT

Time well spent with the Beatles

Rare photos. Photographer Henry Grossman, who followed the Brit-pop crew for four years, shares stacks of unseen photos

SHAUN BRADY
Metro World News

It was just another job for young photographer Henry Grossman when Time magazine hired him to shoot behind-the-scenes images of the Beatles' first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show.

But that telecast ended up being an iconic moment in rock history and that one-off assignment ended up spanning four years as Grossman followed the Fab Four to the Bahamas and Austria during the production of Help!

Photos from those years can be found in Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles, which showcases more than 1,000 of Grossman's photographs from his time with the iconic band, most of them never seen before.

"I wasn't a fan of the music particularly," Grossman says.

"I always listened to classical music, opera, concert music, that kind of stuff. But I became a fan of them. They were some of the best people I've ever known."

After shooting more than 6,500 snapshots of the band between 1964 and 1968, Grossman filed his unpublished photos away and never gave much thought to them again.

"I was busy," he says. "I was going to the White House, photographing Broadway shows, political personalities, poets, writers. I put the photos away in an archive. I thought I had exhausted everything that could be done with them."

Publishers Brian Kehew and Kevin Ryan thought differently.

After discovering Grossman's horde, they worked with him to assemble Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles, a collection of more than 1,000 of Grossman's photographs, almost all of them never seen before.

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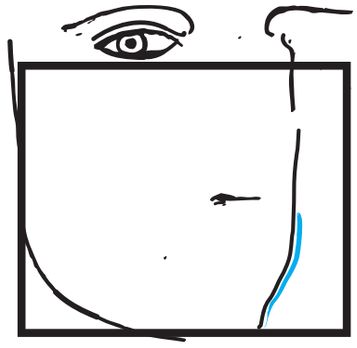

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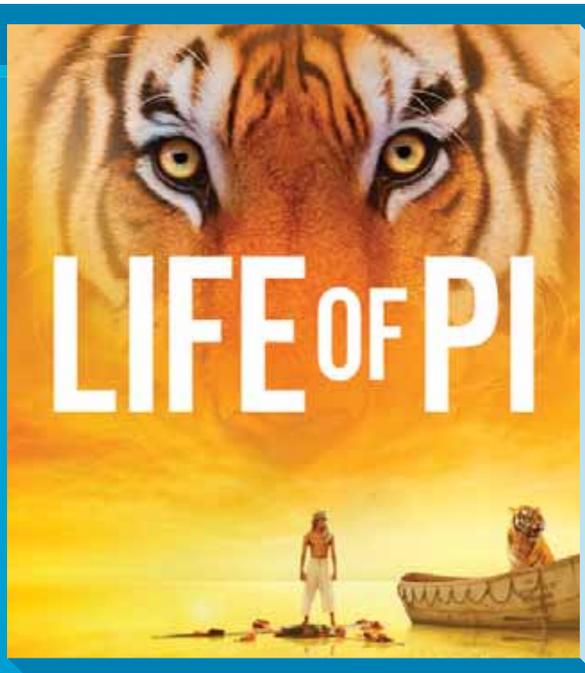

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Post-surgery, Lady Gaga got some shiny new wheels. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lady Gaga: the woman with the golden wheelchair

Lady Gaga is recovering from hip surgery in style.

The singer reportedly tapped designer Ken Borochov for a custom 24-karat gold wheelchair, according to E! News. "I certainly wasn't expecting that phone call and have never done a wheelchair, but am always up for a challenge and was thrilled to create what I affectionately dubbed the Chariot, a chair for a queen," Borochov says in a statement.

Hawaiians: watch out for nude, singing stars in a backyard near you.

Dream on, paparazzi: new Hawaiian law named after Aerosmith singer

Hawaii's state senate has passed the Steven Tyler Act, which gives celebrities the right to sue paparazzi over unwanted photos and videos taken of them, and the man for whom the act is named couldn't be more thrilled. "(In Hawaii,) they are allowed in with their lenses and they get the most intimate of shots. Not on my watch," he tells Billboard. "Now at least Joe (Perry) and I can go to Maui and walk around naked in the back lawn and write some crazy songs."

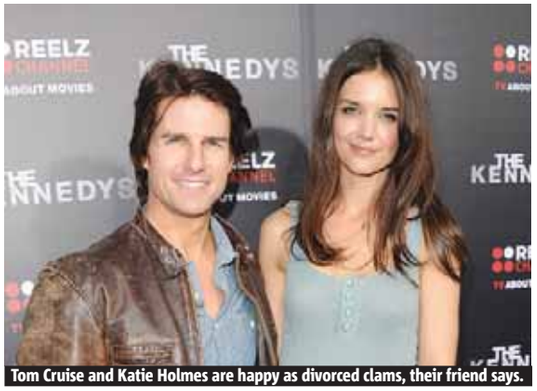
The Word

Twitter joke makes Beliebers go Wilde

Olivia Wilde has learned the hard way not to criticize Justin Bieber, as her post to Twitter earlier this month imploring the pop star to "put your f–ing shirt on" earned her more than 17,000 angry responses from Bieber fans.

"It's pretty much the funniest thing that's ever happened to me because my Twitter feed is now filled with the most hilarious abuse," she says during a visit to the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. "One of them was like, 'Are you a lesbian or are you too old?' That's great, because it's a question I never asked myself before."

Wilde is making light of the threats to her safety, telling CNN, "I'm going to get attacked with acid. Someone's going to throw acid in my face. If that happens, there are 35 million Beliebers that did it, so find them."



Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are happy as divorced clams, their friend says.

Tom and Kate are doing just swell after split, says mutual friend

Apparently getting divorced was the best thing to happen to Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, at least according to director Adam Shankman, who is friends with both.

Shankman tells Us Weekly that since the couple's high-profile split last summer, the two are doing just swell.

"They are incredibly happy," Shankman says. "I've just been emailing with him. He's coming back. He's shooting (All You Need Is Kill) in London and seems as happy as a clam. I know he sees his daughter." As for Holmes? "Katie seems really happy," Shankman adds.

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Diet Coke's 30th anniversary bottles and cans are getting some fashionable fizz with the help of designer Marc Jacobs. The toy-soldier-sized New Yorker talks sex, Kate Moss and refusing to compete with Tom Ford.

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

How to open up a can of kickass

Marc his words.
The fashion world's favourite bad boy takes a moment from his mid-life crisis to chat with Metro

Jacobs' Diet Coke designs were inspired by three decades of female empowerment: the '80s, '90s and '00s. PROVIDED

Next month you'll turn 50. What do you have planned for your mid-life crisis?
My mid-life crisis has been going on for 20 years. I don't see it as a crisis at all. I think it's quite an adventure — not a crisis for me. I'm not going to buy a Corvette or anything like that — I guess that's someone else's mid-life crisis.

You've said you don't have any big party plans but you seem to enjoy wearing some pretty outrageous outfits like that pink polo shirt dress. Do you enjoy getting dressed up?
I do enjoy it. I love attention. I'm very honest about it. There were years where I just didn't want to do press and I didn't really care about my appearance and I sort of shied away from things like that. But in order to enjoy them, I have to be me and sometimes that means wearing a pink dress, a lace dress or a kilt. Also, I feel like I need to relate to that joy and that ritual of going shopping and finding something to wear and then wearing it. I think being connected to that makes me a better designer. It's sort of like practising what you preach. I wouldn't really be doing my job if I didn't do that.

What's your relationship like with Kate Moss?
Kate Moss? She just texted me. We've been on holiday together. We were in Ibiza a few years ago with her daughter (Lila Grace), (photographers) Mert (Alas) and Marcus (Piggott) and some friends of mine. I've spent a great deal of time with Kate over the years. We genuinely like each other — we just click.

Your last Louis Vuitton shows had sexual undertones. How does sex influence your work?
Sex is a big part of my life. It's a very big part of most people's lives whether they want to admit it or not. I don't know, sometimes when collections feel more personal there's more of an undercurrent of things that are of an emotional nature. When I dream, there's this darkness, this melancholy side, there's this sexual tension and then there's this kind of identity thing that goes on. An element of role-play and honesty. In the collections that I feel most proud, there are personal feelings and emotions that make it human.

You're in great shape and so is Tom Ford. Who's the bigger stud and why?
I don't know. I don't compete with Tom Ford. Tom's a friend of mine and I think Tom's terrific. He's a great looking guy and all of that but I certainly don't set out to compete with Tom (laughs). I wouldn't compare anything of mine to anything of his.

Are there too many designer collaborations?
No, no. It's always a two-way street. If nobody had any interest in designers doing cans and bottles for Coca-Cola, then Diet Coke wouldn't ask designers to do it. It's about supply and demand.

Do you think that fashion houses are creating too many collections these days?
It is too much but I don't actively participate in all of it to the same degree. I know when I'm most needed and that's when I rise to the occasion and I don't think any one person does do that much. They might say that they do but they don't.

Cigarettes, coffee and Diet Coke, would you say that you've got an addictive personality?
Well, let's not put cigarettes in the same category as Diet Coke. Hmm, cigarette smoking is my bad habit, I'd say. It's my biggest vice and bad habit — I don't recommend it.

Decades of Diet Coke

Eighties girl power

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Products working hard every season

DESIGN CENTRE
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As winter slowly melts away and the thermometer steadily rises, we start dealing with that in between weather, where the temperature can be unpredictable. But now the boundaries between interior and exterior furniture and equipment are coming together in style and functionality. Here's a group of useful home decor products that not only live up to good style but also serve us well, whatever Mother Nature throws at us.

Black-out drapes

Keep cold drafts away during winter months and cut the bright summer sun with a drape that's right on trend. This light silk/satin drape with a block-out liner is affordable and stylish.
Tip: In order to keep maximum light out, overlap the sides and top of your window by six inches to guarantee light doesn't creep in.

AZUKI Blackout Drape, from $30, bouclair.ca

Hot-cold fan

Add a little heat on those still-chilly nights and when summer arrives switch this all-in-one heater-fan over to a cool breeze. No visible heating elements or fan blades gives this a fresh, sleek style.

Nickel finish Dyson Hot + Cool fan heater, $450, dyson.ca

Entrance organizing

Whether inside or out, a place to organize is always welcome. A bench, storage and hanging combo not only looks good but also keeps you organized. Durable enough for outside yet streamlined enough for in the house.

The APPLARO bench is a perfect place to perch. $149, ikea.ca

Heated trivet

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Trendy pillows

Take the hot looks of inside to the great outdoors without worry — these indoor/outdoor pillows are water and fade resistant! Tip: Use indoor/outdoor fabric items for their durability in heavy-use spaces like kids play areas and recreation rooms.

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Ramirez Conch Profile print by Ana V. Ramirez

San Francisco-based Ana Ramirez's shell photographs in stark black and white highlight the sculptural beauty of nature. Ramirez's series of dramatic shell photographs are part of a new Pottery Barn collection.

Bon Appétit print

This print of a Parisian bistro storefront by Cindy Taylor is part of a new collection at Pottery Barn.

Sky Bird embroidered pillow covers from Pottery Barn

Embrace springtime with this embroidered pillow cover, which was inspired by a vantage postcard. potterybarn.com.

Boat Reflection framed print by Lupen Grainne

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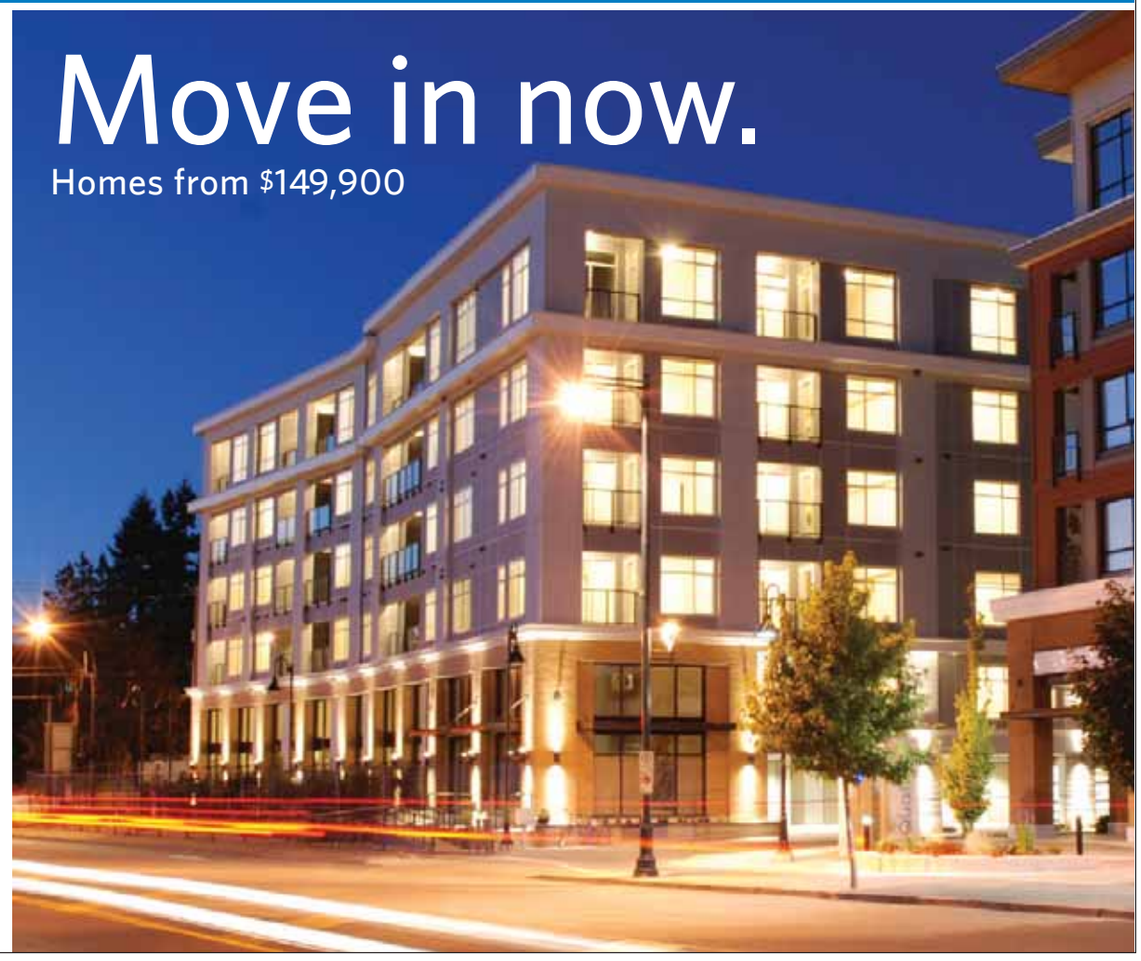

Root pruning to keep potted plants from growing too large

Soil smarts. Plants outgrowing their pot? Give it the space it needs

"Root pruning" sounds like such a brutal way to treat a plant. Yet it's a periodic necessity once any potted plant has grown as large as you want it to.

Potted plants — like other plants — grow, and while a 50-foot-tall weeping fig is a glorious sight on a Caribbean island, my living room ceiling won't allow it.

Root pruning slows stem growth, and makes room for new soil and new roots.

How often to root prune any potted plant depends on how fast that plant grows, and any quirks it has about being root-pruned.

Potted fig plants can fruit in pots as long as they get root pruned every year or two so that roots find new soil to promote vigorous, annual stem growth. In contrast, after 19 years, I have yet to root prune my pony tail palm.

Gimme space

Plants have subtle ways of indicating that their roots need new soil in which to roam.

Keep an eye out for plants that dry out too rapidly or send roots creeping out drainage holes. My ponytail palm burst its pot; perhaps it's time to root prune or give it a larger pot.

Root prune any plant that's beginning to look too tall or too crowded in its pot — or give it a larger pot. Exceptions include clivia, which thrives cramped for years in the same pot until eventually bursting it.

The best way to tell whether a plant needs root pruning is to slide the root ball out of the pot and examine it. Thick roots pressed right to the edge of a root ball, or circling its outside, indicate that the time to operate has come.

Root surgery

To root prune, take a sharp knife, grit your teeth, and slice a one-half to 2-inch layer of soil from all around and underneath the root ball. The larger the root ball, the more soil and roots can be removed.

Then go over the whole root ball again, this time with a pronged hand cultivator or a stick, loosening soil and roots on the outside. Also prune back any lanky or damaged roots.

With roots pruned, the plant is ready to return to its pot. Put a stone or screen over any drainage holes, then shovel in enough soil so that the base of the plant's stem sits one-half to 1 inch below the rim.

Gradually fill the space between the root ball and the pot with potting soil, tamping it in place with your finger tips or a blunt stick.

Watering is important during the couple of weeks or more that a plant is recovering from root pruning. Right after pruning, give the plant a thorough soaking. When new growth begins, make sure all the soil stays moist — the old soil because even with its reduced size it must still support the plant, and the new soil to encourage new root growth there.

Finally, prune the stems so the reduced root system has fewer leaves to support. Besides, the whole purpose of root pruning has been to keep the plant from growing larger.

Rest assured that plants tolerate all this pruning. Just look at bonsai trees, whose heights can still be measured in inches after hundreds of years.

They are kept that way with regular root and shoot pruning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roots of a black tupelo (Nyssa sylvatica) plant escaping a pot in New Paltz, New York. LEE REICH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Furniture is arranged around an outdoor chandelier. Designer Brian Patrick Flynn often uses outdoor chandeliers in covered outdoor spaces to give exterior spaces the look and feel of a homey, indoor room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Light up your outdoor space

DIY ideas. With the temperatures rising, it's time to think about your outdoor space

Many people have embraced outdoor decorating, filling their yards with fluffy sofas, gleaming end tables and even outdoor rugs. But what happens when the sun goes down?

Chris Lambton, landscape designer and host of HGTV's Going Yard, advises his clients to give as much thought to the lighting of their outdoor space as they do to the furnishings.

Forget yesterday's glaring porch light, he says. You can now choose from a wide range of much subtler lighting options. Many are inexpensive and stylish enough to quickly turn a basic patio into a chic entertaining space.

Here Lambton and two other outdoor decorating experts — Los Angeles-based designers Jeff Andrews and Brian Patrick Flynn — offer advice on the newest, most attractive and safest options for outdoor lighting.

Indulge your indoor style

Many indoor furniture designs and fabrics are now available as outdoor items, Lambton says, and the same goes for lighting. Companies are creating outdoor versions of their most popular indoor lamps and fixtures.

Flynn is a fan of outdoor chandeliers on patios or decks that are covered. "They're an excellent way to make any humdrum outdoor space feel like an actual room."

But, he says, choose wisely. "To get them right, you've got to take scale and proportion into consideration. Install one that's too small and it will look like an afterthought. Install one that's too big or hangs too low, and it will completely overwhelm the space."

Flynn also recommends using floor lamps and table lamps designed for outdoor use. Prices vary widely (from more than $1,000 to less than $100), so he suggests hunting online for deals and the perfect style.

Go vintage

"Vintage is always a key to good lighting," Andrews says, "indoors and outdoors."

"Recently I got these really cool, inexpensive Moroccan lanterns" with a vintage look. Rather than simply displaying them on a table, he hung them from outdoor branches. "I had them wired for outside and hid the wires in the trees," he explains.

When the vintage lanterns glow from the tree branches at night, it gives the yard a "romantic and kind of European feel."

Forget the flood light

Rather than one or two bright porch lights, all three designers suggest using a variety of softer lights.

Lambton has used faux stone blocks with LED lights hidden inside, alongside traditional lighting. Flynn has done the same with illuminated planters.

"Sneaking in ambient light in unexpected ways is something I love to do," Flynn says. "In Los Angeles, I turned the middle of a family's Los Feliz backyard into a full-fledged family room, comfy sectional sofa and all. To bring light to the space, I used modern, plastic planters that light up. They have cords on the back of them, and connect to exterior outlets. Once turned on, a light bulb inside the transparent plastic illuminates and the entire area glows softly. This is so genius because it requires no electrician whatsoever." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shop owner J Frank, left, and Sarah Rowland with the wallpaper she designed for Dixie Donuts in Richmond, Va. The owners asked Rowland to design a custom wallpaper for an accent wall. SARAH ROWLAND/JAY PAUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Renee Pedro bought a house with mid-century decor, she decided to embrace the look.

Drawing inspiration from the 1963 Philco oven in her kitchen, she began hunting for towels and table linens with a mod '60s vibe to complement the appliance.

"That oven was my style. My thing," said Pedro, of Philadelphia.

She was disappointed by the lack of choices, and in 2009 began looking for a way to create her own textiles to decorate the kitchen. "I couldn't find something that fit my esthetic, so I decided to make it," she said.

After a year of looking online, she found a company that would allow her to design her own fabric. Now she runs her own online business, Crashpaddesigns.com, selling tea towels, pillow cases and table linens in mod, bright, geometric or flowered patterns that she designs herself.

Many companies have begun to offer consumers the chance to create custom fabrics and wallpapers. Advances in printing have made it more affordable to create small runs, and to make high-quality products faster and cheaper, said Aaron Kirsch, president of Astek Wallcovering Inc. in Van Nuys, Calif.

He sells directly to consumers via his company's website, Designyourwall.com. The company also makes custom products for the fashion, hospitality and motion picture industries. Demand for the custom products has been steadily rising, Kirsch said.

"Custom wall covering ... has gone ballistic," he said.

Homeowners can create their own wall covering for about $6.50 a square foot, he said.

Custom fabrics run about $18 to $30 a yard, said Rysa Pitner, founder of Fabric on Demand in Los Angeles.

Custom options appeal to "individuals who love to author their own stuff," she said. You can upload photos, original artwork or computer-generated designs on her company's website, Fabricondemand.com.

Some manufacturers have designers who help customers develop the look they want. Do-it-yourself designers can usually preview the order online or order a sample piece. It normally takes less than a month for orders to be processed. The websites also have a wide variety of premade patterns available.

Creating rolls of wallpaper for an accent wall or producing yards of fabric to make curtains, bedding or furniture covering allows homeowners to create layers of design that contribute to the look they are after, added Los Angeles designer Kate Albrecht, who runs the website Mrkate.com.

"It's a layered look where they feel like each little element of a room speaks about their personality," she said.

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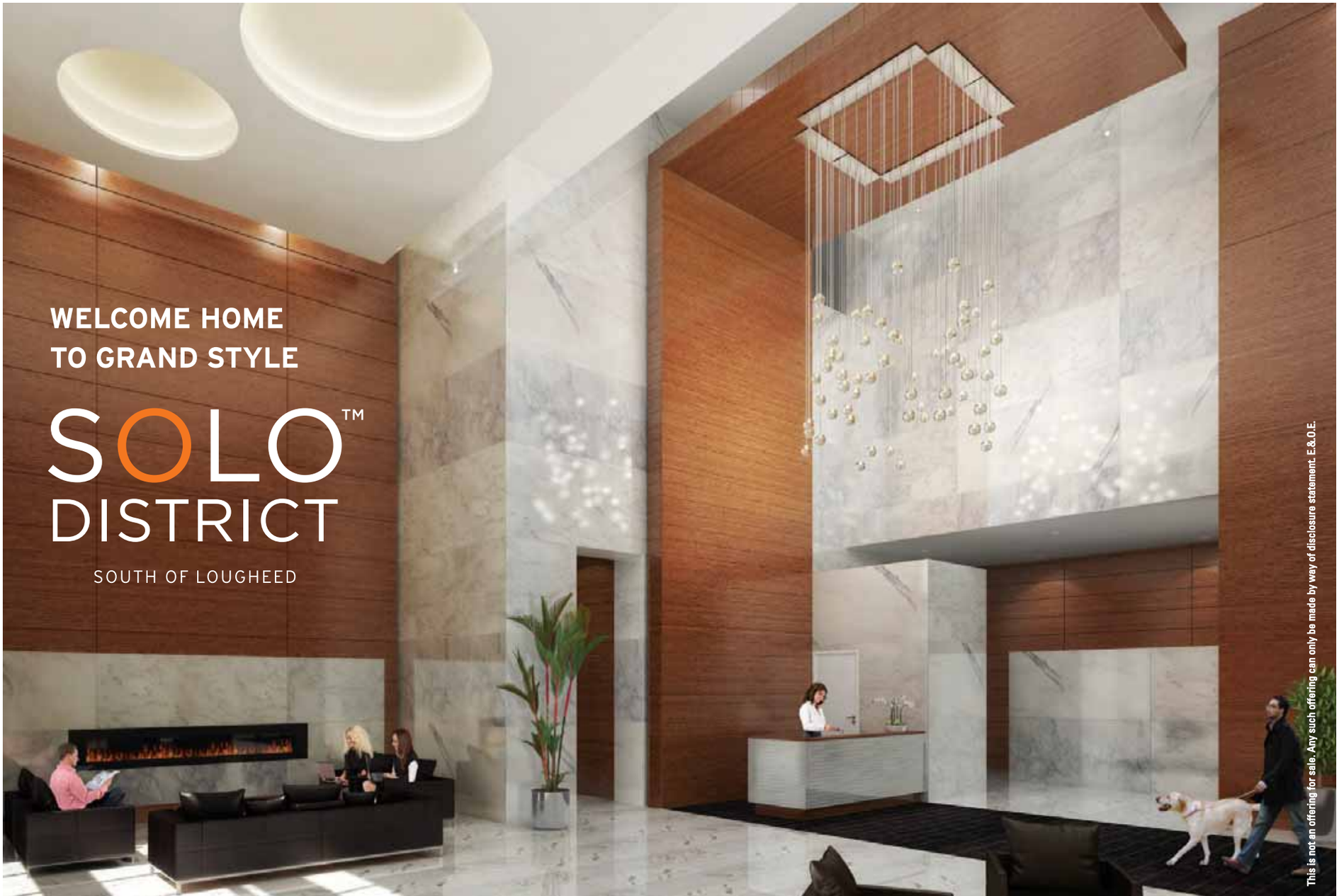
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Return to formal: Downton Abbey inspires decor

Gilt and flourishes.
Here's how to bring that aristocratic look into a modern home

Downton-Abbey-inspired decor with vintage portraits and gold finishes is shown in this living room. THE DECOROLOGIST/KRISTIE BARNETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Intrigued by the drama and inspired by the sophistication of British aristocrats in Downton Abbey, some fans are plotting to bring the series' style into their own homes, from gilded finishes to opulent upholstery to portrait paintings.

"We've gone so casual in the last decade in terms of home decor. I think there is a desire to be a little more formal, or a little more glamorous," says Kristie Barnett, an interior design blogger in Nashville, Tenn. "That doesn't mean it can't be family-friendly."

Downton Abbey, in production for its fourth season, features the noble Crawley family "upstairs" and its servants "downstairs" in a sprawling country estate. The characters are struggling to bring the estate and their traditional sensibilities into the 1920s, a time of social and political ferment.

Ornate drawing rooms, flowing boudoirs, vibrant gardens and crisp, clean servants' quarters make up the gorgeous backdrop for the PBS Masterpiece melodrama.

Gilded for glamour

One of the simplest ways to achieve the "upstairs" look of Downton Abbey is to apply gold metallic paint for a gilded finish on wood furniture, picture frames, mirror edges and other decorative items, including bookends and lamp stands.

In her living room, Barnett, who blogs at TheDecorologist.com, used gold paint to make a barley-twist coffee table appear worthy of nobility. Golden candlesticks and a crystal doorknob atop piles of books finish the look.

Furniture with flourish

Richly upholstered settees, footstools, chaise lounges and Bergere chairs can add a touch of bygone beauty, but you should allow plenty of space for more livable pieces such as a traditional sofa. If you can't afford new furniture, consider adding silk or damask throw pillows.

Tapestries and oriental rugs can be affordable and add the feel of affluence. Check out etsy.com for Downton Abbey-style fabrics and textiles.

Lovely lighting

Another easy way to achieve the upstairs style, while keeping things practical and comfortable, is to hang an ornate light fixture or chandelier.

Affordable plaster or stencil medallions placed around light fixtures can be another eye-catching element.

Or you can use candlelight, which will bounce off mirrors, glass and crystal, creating the sort of warm glow that makes the Crawleys' multi-course dinners look so enticing.

Wonderful windows and walls

The return to detail and decoration includes opulent upholstery, drapes and wall coverings, says Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, founder of ApartmentTherapy.com.

"People seem to be ready for more and more luxe materials and dramatic finishes," he says. "Even wallpaper, which was trending modern, is back to classic floral patterns and English traditionalism, but often with a bit of a twist."

Painted walls are darker, with a gloss finish, experts say. You can create the upper-crust feel with bold jewel tones, including emerald and sapphire.

Also in the traditional Downton Abbey palette, says Mary Lawlor, manager of colour marketing for Kelly-Moore Paints, are refreshing pastels and creams. One of the mansion's expansive drawing rooms, for example, features a pale green wallpaper further softened with richly upholstered furniture in a mix of rose and classic ivory.

Lure of the library

While many elements of Downton Abbey style have a feminine appeal, there's no mistaking the bold, masculine feel of Lord Grantham's library. Add jewel-toned leather furniture or leather throw pillows to your reading areas for a twist to the muted espresso brown that has been popular in recent years.

Consider turning a little-used dining room into a study, using the table as a hearty desk fit for the lords and ladies of your home.

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1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-x5- inch loaf pan with cooking oil.

2. For cake, combine the granulated sugar, oil, egg, lemon rind and 3 tbsp juice in a large bowl or a food processor. Mix well. Add milk, mixing thoroughly.

3. Combine the flour, poppy seeds, baking powder and baking soda. Add to the wet mixture alternately with the yogurt, mixing just until incorporated. Do not overmix.

4. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a tester inserted in the centre of the cake comes out dry. Set the pan on a rack to cool for 10 minutes. The centre of the cake may sink slightly when it cools.

5. For a glaze, combine the icing sugar and 2 tbsp lemon juice. Prick holes in the top of the loaf with a fork or wooden skewer and pour the glaze over the loaf.

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- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp grated lemon rind
- 3 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/3 cup 2% milk
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp poppy seeds
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup 2% yogurt or light sour cream
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Popping something good

1. Heat empty cast-iron Dutch oven over low heat 2 minutes.

Ingredients

- 2 to 3 tbsp olive oil (depending on the size of the pot)
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup popcorn kernels (depending on the size of the pot)
- Fine-grain sea salt or other seasoned toppings

2. Add enough olive oil to the pot to thinly coat the entire bottom. Add a single layer of popcorn kernels. You want them to be touching but not more than one layer thick. Increase the heat to medium and place the lid on the pot. Wait until popping begins, then turn the heat down slightly.

3. Shake pot every 30 seconds or so. Start shaking a bit more when the popping starts to subside. When the kernels stop popping in unison and you only hear one pop every couple of seconds, it is done.

4. Pour the popcorn into a large bowl. Season generously with the toppings listed below, or another one of your favourites. Toss the popcorn in the bowl and sprinkle with additional seasoning several times to make sure you have an even coating. Serve or let cool.

Wet Popcorn Toppings

Be certain to spread the popcorn flat on a baking sheet before adding wet toppings, then let it set before serving.

- Melted chocolate
- Melted chocolate and peanut butter
- Melted caramels and a pinch of salt

Dry Popcorn Toppings

- Maple sugar and crispy bits of smoked bacon
- Mini marshmallows, chocolate chips and peanuts
- Mini M&Ms, chopped roasted almonds and dried coconut
- Ragin' Cajun Spice mixture
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- Italian spice blend and finely grated Parmesan cheese
- Truffle salt
- 1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
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Canucks look to push past Preds

NHL. Vancouver aiming to build on Tuesday's shootout win over Columbus

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The Vancouver Canucks host the Nashville Predators on Thursday, hoping to build off of their first win in the last five games.

The Canucks skated to a 2-1 shootout win over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday, snapping a four-game losing skid in the process.

Vancouver's hold on the Northwest Division lead can best be described as tenuous. The Canucks have won the division in each of the last four seasons, but the Minnesota Wild trail them by only two points going into Thursday, when the Wild play the Colorado Avalanche, another Northwest Division team.

At the centre of the Canucks' recent struggles has been their offence.

The Canucks have not scored more than two goals in a game since blasting the L.A. Kings by a 5-2 count back on March 2.

That's a span of five games being held to two goals or less.

Perhaps it will be Roberto Luongo, the goalie locked into a 12-year, $64-million US contract and once thought to be on his way out of town by way of a blockbuster trade, who will be the remedy to his team's recent swoon.

He was solid against Columbus, making 26 saves despite it being his first game in nine days.

Luongo, 33, has a record of 6-2-3. Does he get the start again?

Perhaps further evidence that he should: Luongo was also the winning goalie when the Canucks posted a 1-0 victory — a defensive struggle, if nothing else — against Nashville back on Feb. 22.

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Power-play woes

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The Canucks have not scored a goal on the power play in their last nine games.

Roberto Luongo has a record of 6-2-3 this season and helped the Canucks snap a four-game losing streak on Tuesday night with a 2-1 win over the Blue Jackets. GETTY IMAGES FILE

CFL. Lions, Dante Marsh agree on contract extension

Dante Marsh referred to his time with the B.C. Lions as "a match made in heaven." And the relationship will continue for at least another year.

Marsh and the Lions came to an agreement on a contract extension in a deal that was announced Wednesday.

The 34-year-old import defensive back, who now comes back for his 10th year with the Lions, was set to enter the option year of his previous contract.

"They've been good to me for the last decade and as long as I continue to do with the abilities that I've been blessed with, it's a win-win," Marsh said in a phone interview.

"I respect the organization and I'm guessing by their actions that they respect me."

Marsh is coming off another productive season with the Lions. He finished 2012 with 50 regular-season tackles and three interceptions — the longest return being 43 yards.

Quoted

"At 34 years old, I'm still at the top of my game. I'm still top one or two at my position in the Canadian Football League." B.C. Lions defensive back Dante Marsh

"At 34 years old, I'm still at the top of my game. I'm still top one or two at my position in the Canadian Football League," he said.

"At 33 years old, last year was one of my best seasons."

He was also part of a Lions defence that led the Canadian Football League in 18 of 25 categories.

But that vaunted defence — particularly the secondary — was picked apart by Calgary Stampeders quarterback Kevin Glenn in the Western final and the Lions lost.

"There were communication errors and Calgary played a hell of a game," said Marsh.

"What's done is done, 2012 is a wrap. Now I'm talking about 2013."

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Canucks better hope scouts are wrong about prospects

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The future success of the Canucks could hinge on how young prospects like Jordan Schroeder, right, pan out. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES FILE

What overall has been a disappointing season for the Canucks won't get any shinier with the release of The Hockey News' Future Watch 2013 magazine. The annual edition, which profiles each team's top 10 prospects and ranks the 30 NHL clubs based on their collection of 21-and-under players, has the Canucks slotted 29th and without a player in the top 75 overall, the only team lacking one.

Not only is this problematic in the long term, the lack of high-end talent and depth among the Canucks prospects will have an impact in the near future.

First, with little in the system that would be attractive to other teams, GM Mike Gillis will be forced to trade a roster asset (or high draft picks) in order to fill any roster holes — especially that void down the middle — for this year's Stanley Cup run. This could force his hand with Roberto Luongo and any designs Gillis had on a solid return would go out the window. He didn't wait this long to clear his goaltending mess just to get a rent-a-centre.

Secondly, the Canucks will be forced to see exactly how some of their prospects will perform on the big stage next season. The salary cap drops to $64.3 million in 2013-14 and after shedding Luongo's $5.3 million and re-signing Chris Tanev to round out the defence, Vancouver will only have around $6 million to fill five forward spots (Mason Raymond, Chris Higgins and Maxim Lapierre are unrestricted free agents).

Expect to see all of the Canucks' top three prospects on the NHL roster next year. Goalie Eddie Lack will be on a one-way deal and will back up Cory Schneider, while forwards Jordan Schroeder, a smallish pivot recently sent back down to the American Hockey League after picking up five points in 22 games, and Nicklas Jensen, a big winger who isn't afraid to take the puck to the net and is leading his Swedish Elite League team in goal-scoring, will have roster spots earmarked for them.

THN's panel of scouts doesn't like the trio's chances of making a big impact. The Canucks and their fans hope they're wrong.

MLS

Whitecaps' Leveron gets feet wet in Vancouver

After weeks of waiting in North Carolina for his Canadian visa to get sorted, Johnny Leveron arrived in Vancouver Tuesday and was training under rainy skies at UBC on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old centre back and captain of the Honduran Olympic team took part in what was an optional practice for Whitecaps starters, and then spoke to the media with the help of an interpreter afterward.

Leveron said he had opportunities to play in Europe, but was told coming to the Whitecaps and Major League Soccer was his best option.

"It was a great opportunity for me to come here. It was a blessing," he said. "I just wanted to play outside of Honduras and this opportunity presented (itself), so I'm very happy."

His first official MLS match could come March 23, when the Whitecaps are in Houston to play the Dynamo.

Naturally, Leveron believes he is ready to play, saying that he worked hard with the Carolina RailHawks while awaiting his visa.

On Tuesday, Whitecaps head coach Martin Rennie said that as of right now, Leveron isn't quite match fit.

The Whitecaps have exhibition games scheduled against the University of British Columbia on Thursday, University of Victoria on Saturday and Simon Fraser University next Tuesday.

Most of Vancouver's reserves will see action in the three exhibition games.

It's a good bet Leveron will also play.

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Johnny Leveron
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Boston	35	29	.547	14½
Atlanta	35	29	.547	14½
Milwaukee	32	31	.508	17
Toronto	25	40	.385	25
Philadelphia	24	40	.375	25½
Detroit	23	43	.348	27½
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Denver	43	22	.662	6
Golden State	36	29	.554	13
Houston	35	30	.538	14
L.A. Lakers	34	32	.515	15½
Utah	33	32	.508	16
Dallas	30	33	.476	18
Portland	29	34	.460	19
Minnesota	22	40	.355	25½
New Orleans	22	43	.338	27
Phoenix	22	43	.338	27
Sacramento	22	43	.338	27

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	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	27	19	8	0	100	78	38
New Jersey	27	13	9	5	70	77	31
NY Rangers	25	13	10	2	64	61	28
NY Islanders	26	11	12	3	77	88	25
Philadelphia	28	12	15	1	77	87	25

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	27	18	5	4	88	69	40
Boston	24	17	4	3	72	53	37
Ottawa	27	13	8	6	64	58	32
Toronto	27	15	11	1	81	75	31
Buffalo	27	10	14	3	70	84	23

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	25	15	9	1	79	69	31
Winnipeg	26	13	11	2	68	76	28
Tampa Bay	26	11	14	1	88	81	23
Washington	25	10	14	1	69	76	21
Florida	27	7	14	6	66	101	20

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CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	26	21	2	3	85	58	45
St. Louis	26	14	10	2	80	79	30
Detroit	26	12	9	5	68	66	29
Nashville	26	11	9	6	58	61	28
Columbus	27	10	12	5	62	74	25

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	25	12	7	6	68	68	30
Minnesota	25	13	10	2	59	61	28
Edmonton	26	10	11	5	64	76	25
Colorado	25	10	11	4	62	73	24
Calgary	24	9	11	4	64	82	22

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	25	19	3	3	87	63	41
Los Angeles	25	14	9	2	73	65	30
Phoenix	26	13	10	3	77	74	29
San Jose	25	11	8	6	58	61	28
Dallas	25	12	11	2	67	71	26

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Edmonton 4 Colorado 0
Phoenix 5 Los Angeles 2

THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

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	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	2	0	0	3	1	6
Columbus	1	1	0	4	2	3
Kansas City	1	1	0	4	3	3
Philadelphia	1	1	0	3	4	3
Houston	1	0	0	2	0	3
Toronto FC	1	1	0	2	2	3
New England	1	0	0	1	0	3
D.C.	1	1	0	1	2	3
New York	0	1	1	4	5	1
Chicago	0	2	0	0	5	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vancouver	2	0	0	3	1	6
Los Angeles	1	0	0	4	0	3
Chivas USA	1	1	0	3	4	3
Real Salt Lake	1	1	0	2	1	3
FC Dallas	1	1	0	2	3	3
San Jose	1	1	0	2	3	3
Portland	0	1	1	4	5	1
Colorado	0	2	0	1	3	0
Seattle	0	1	0	0	1	0

SATURDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
D.C. at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
Toronto FC at Montreal, 4 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 8 p.m.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Make your own decisions today and live with the consequences. Nothing bad is going to happen at all but you must be prepared to go out on a limb and risk being the odd one out.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If someone is giving you a hard time then by all means give them a hard time in return. But make sure you get it right as this is one of those days when too much emotion could lead to costly mistakes.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Someone who claims to be one thing is something else entirely. You are advised to take what they tell you with a large grain of salt, especially if it sounds too good to be true.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Sometimes you are too sensitive for your own good but today you will go to the other extreme. You just cannot be bothered to respond to other people's criticisms.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to open your eyes and be aware of the trends that are taking shape. Business and financial matters, in particular, could cause a few problems today so make sure you are in control at all times.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Friends and loved ones don't want to do what you want to do, which is frustrating. Compromise is possible but you must be serious about it. If you fail to deliver on what you promise, it could cause a rift.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone wants to undermine your confidence. Don't let them. Keep things in perspective today and, above all, don't let trivial matters, or trivial people, upset you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Let the world know you are vulnerable. For too long you have given the impression that you are as cold as ice. You're not. You know it's an act. It's time other people knew it too.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone has deceived you and, of course, you are not in the least bit happy about it. But no matter how hard done by you feel you must not blow your top. If you do, you will only make matters worse.

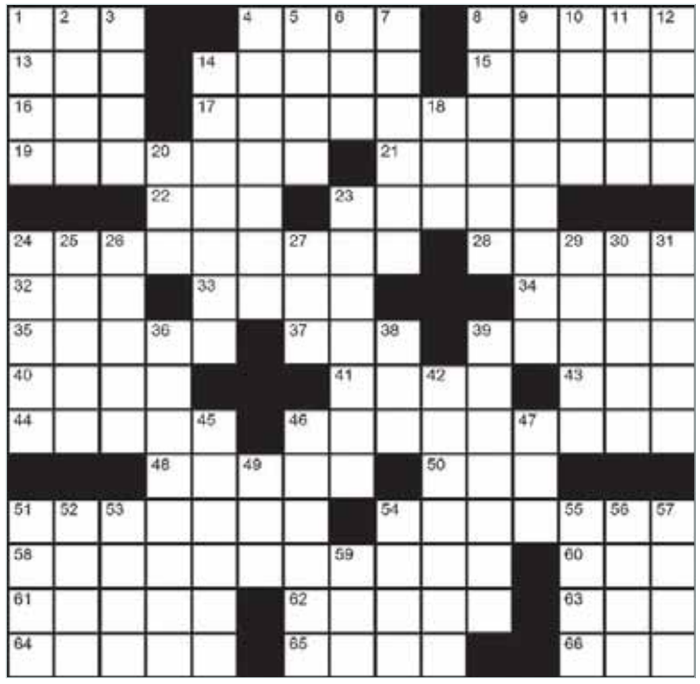
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are trying too hard to live up to what other people expect of you. It's what you expect of yourself that matters, nothing more, nothing less. Be yourself, now and always.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have made up your mind about a personal matter but you should keep it to yourself for now. The planets indicate that your views will change radically over the next few days. Leave wriggle room.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
No matter how loudly someone says you are on the wrong track you must ignore them and carry on as before. Even if they are right — and they're not – it doesn't matter. All roads lead to where you need to go. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

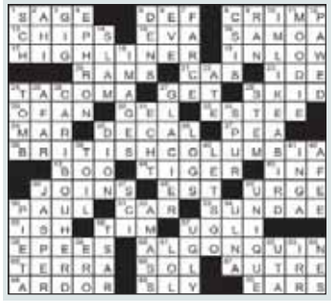
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Concert-goer's purchase, for short
4. Nicknamed baseball star, _-__
8. Norway-like feature in Gros Morne National Park, Nfld.
13. 'Buff' add-on
14. Friend, in Florence
15. Keenly interested
16. Playboy Mansion's man, for short
17. First Canadian astronaut in space: 2 wds.
19. Get back together
21. Mid-afternoon, ___
22. UN workers' gr.
23. Ms. O'Donnell
24. Comedian/actor from Newmarket, ON: 2 wds.
28. Its capital is Damascus
32. Irish actress Ms. O'Connor
33. Nautical ropes
34. Director Mr. Howard's
35. Jazz singer, Carmen __
37. However
39. Attach a patch: 2 wds.
40. Light baseball hit
41. "I'd hate to break up _ __..."
43. Hydrocarbon suffix
44. Mr. Hershiser's of baseball
46. 'A.' of Sir John A. Macdonald
48. Shield in Greek mythology
50. In favour
51. Princess Diana's maiden name
54. Snug
58. Main building on Parliament Hill: 2 wds.
60. Tic-Tac-Toe losing row
61. Mr. Schwarzenegger, to fans
62. Cordiality
63. NFL's Bengals, on scoreboards
64. Respond
65. Belonging to Axl Rose's rock gr.
66. Senators, on scoreboards

Down
1. Wild goat-like animal (1986)
2. __ Wyck (Book of 1941 by Victoria artist Emily Carr)
3. Bean curd product
4. Romantic
5. Laugh: French
6. Line of work [abbr.]
7. PetSmart purchase: 2 wds.
8. "__ Bueller's Day Off"
9. Thornfield Hall governess: 2 wds.
10. Decorative curved arch
11. Harvest
12. Play like Ringo
14. Running-behind person's query, "__ _ __?"
18. Ohs partners
20. Mr. Cage, to pals
23. Closes again
24. Extra large
25. Acquire, as debt
26. Seine tributary in France
27. "Video Games" singer: Lana Del __
29. Was using oars
30. Hole-__-__
31. Actor Ed
36. East Coast ocean
38. Dangerous fly, when doubled
39. "__ & Hutch" (2004)
42. Anticipates
45. Clandestine
46. Car safety feature
47. TLC's "What __ to Wear"
49. "Gosh."
51. Red Hot Chili Peppers song: "__ Tissue"
52. Father: French
53. Resort town in Sicily
54. Movie genre, Film __
55. "The __-Motion" by Little Eva
56. Leave
57. Elvis Presley hit: "__ Be Cruel"
59. Alphabet sequence

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	4				8			
3			9	5		6	4	
6		1					9	
	1	5		4				
			2		9			
				7		3	2	
	8					9		5
	9	2		6	3			7
			1				8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	3	6	5	7	1	8	2	9
7	1	8	9	2	4	3	6	5
2	9	5	6	8	3	1	4	7
3	2	9	8	4	6	5	7	1
6	4	1	3	5	7	9	8	2
5	8	7	1	9	2	4	3	6
9	5	3	7	6	8	2	1	4
1	6	2	4	3	5	7	9	8
8	7	4	2	1	9	6	5	3

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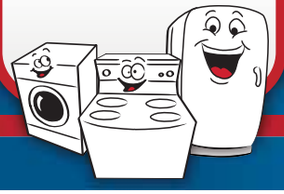

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